

**MINUTES OF HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
2263 SANTA CLARA AVENUE – 7:00 PM**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Miller, Board Members Iverson, Lynch and Irons.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Secretary Cynthia Eliason, Supervising Planner; Simone Wolter, Planner I; Shana Nero, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES:

M/S (Lynch, Anderson) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for October 4, 2007 with corrections. 4-0-1.

Ayes: 4; Noes: 0; Abstain: 1; Motion carries.

AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSIONS:

None

SPECIAL REPORTS:

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

The Board received a letter from the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society regarding Item 7-A and a Certificate of Approval for the demolition of an accessory structure at 152 Maitland Drive.

WORKSHOP:

N/A

ACTION ITEMS:

7-A. Certificate of Approval CA07-0017; Applicant: Alameda Power & Telecom – 2000 Grand Street. (DV) The applicant requests a Certificate of Approval to replace 40

to 60 deteriorated decorative streetlights along sections of Lincoln, Buena Vista, and Encinal Avenues with new decorative streetlights. The streetlights are listed as significant streetlights in Appendix A of the Historic Building Study List. Staff requested a continuation to the meeting of November 1, 2007.

Simone Wolter, Planner I, presented the staff report to the Board. Juan Ulloa of Alameda Power & Telecom (AP&T) responded to questions regarding the replacement program, the survey of existing lights, and the cost of new poles.

Chair Anderson opened the item for public comment.

Christopher Buckley discussed the specifications, standards and maintenance of the streetlights.

Richard Rutter discussed material options for streetlights and stated that cast iron was the best replacement option for the streetlights.

Woody Minor provided input regarding the historical aspect of the streetlights, noting that the focus should be more on the retention.

Kevin Frederick stated that he opposed the use of fiberglass.

Birgit Evans commented that there should be some way to reuse the old streetlights, rather than selling the parts for scrap metal.

There were no more speaker slips. Chair Anderson closed the public hearing and opened the floor for public discussion.

Board Member Lynch expressed concern that staff did not understand that the streetlights were historical monuments and was very concerned that Alameda Power & Telecom had gone ahead and changed 20 of the streetlights without any authorization.

The Board requested a complete cost comparison from Alameda Power & Telecom for different casting companies including the use of different materials and a complete listing for Phase 1 and Phase 2 for repair and replacement of existing streetlights. In addition, the Board requested information on how to correct the existing 20 streetlights that have been replaced to date.

Chair Anderson entertained a motion to continue the item to the February 7, 2008 regular meeting.

M/S (Miller/Lynch)

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0;

Motion carries.

7-B. Certificate of Approval; CA07-0020; Applicant: Franck Ardourel – 1455 Fourth Street. The applicant requests a Certificate of Approval for a more than thirty percent (30%) demolition of a residential structure that was built prior to 1942, but is not on the Historic Building Study List. The site is located at 1445 Fourth Street within an R-1, One Family Residential Zoning District.

Simone Wolter, Planner I, presented the staff report to the Board. She noted that the recommendation was for denial of the Certificate of Approval.

The Board opened the item for public comment.

Marsha Broquedis provided input on her design work at 1445 Fourth Street and her concerns regarding the condition of the property.

Franck Ardourel expressed to the Board how detrimental the present condition is for his family and requested he be allowed to move forward with repairs to his property.

There was no more speaker slips. Chair Anderson closed the public hearing and opened the floor for Board discussion.

The Board discussed the important design features and requested the applicant to redesign the addition keeping in mind the following concerns: larger casings on the windows, the roof over the bay window on the first floor and the reconsideration of the “pop out” on the 2nd floor.

The Board also suggested looking at the proportions of the building and to consider another material – either lap siding or maybe shingle for the front façade.

Chair Anderson entertained a motion to continue the item to the January 3, 2008 regular meeting.

M/S (Miller/Iverson)

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0

Motion carries.

7-C. Certificate of Approval, CA07-0008; Applicant: Yong Liang – 1611 Walnut Street St. The applicants request a Certificate of Approval to alter more than thirty percent (30%) of a residential structure that is listed as a historical resource on the Historic Building Study List. The proposed work includes additions to the first and second stories, the replacement of windows and doors, and the replacement of the foundation and basement. The site is located within an R-5, General Residential Zoning District.

Staff requested a continuation of the item to the meeting of December 6, 2007 regular meeting.

Chair Anderson entertained a motion to continue the item to the December 6, 2007 meeting.

M/S (Miller/Iverson)

Ayes: 5; Noes: 0

Motion carries.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Board member Lynch discussed a presentation given by Phil Tagami regarding Alameda Point.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff gave the Board information on upcoming workshops and conferences.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cynthia Eliason,
Secretary, Historical Advisory Board